GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3277
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CLOSURE OF SMALL SCALE WOOD BASED INDUSTRY IN UT
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken any step to protct the people who are now on the streets after closure of small scale wood based industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands on the basis of Supreme Court order dated May 07, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): Many of the wood based industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands whose licenses were not renewed in pursuance of the order dated 7th May, 2002 of the Hon`ble Supreme Court and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Small Scale Wood Based Industries Association have sought modification of the order through various applications filed before the Hob`ble Supreme Court as well as the Central Empowered Committee. The Andaman and Nicobar Administration have also during the course of the hearing of these applications by the Central Empowered Committee recommended for allowing the functioning of these industries after their relocation to industrial estates under the control of the Department of Environment & Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Administration for meeting the local requirements of timber.

(c): In view of the above, does not arise.